

starting negotiations for new multilateral trade and investment pacts that invariably re-energize the global economy.

Regulatory burdens continued to pile up. The EPA was set on automatic to crank out new restrictions that impose costs and yield either no benefits, or negative consequences. The previous administration kow-towed to "environmentalist" claims of a coming "global warming" disaster, despite a large body of scientific proof that no such trend exists. More public lands, including sites rich in oil and gas, were locked up as "wilderness" areas.

The passage of federal tax cuts last year, when they would have come in time to stimulate a flagging economy, was blocked by President Clinton. Democrats this year are still resisting even the modest initial tax cut tranches proposed by George W. Bush, styling themselves as the new guardians of fiscal responsibility. In other words, the economy is not going to get any help soon from tax cuts. That vaunted federal surplus could vanish quite rapidly if the American economy goes into recession. The old saying, penny wise and pound foolish, applies here.

Despite all these forms of neglect, the U.S. still has a powerful economic base, U.S. demand kept Asia afloat after the 1997 meltdown. It has helped revive Mexico and has given Europe a market. The discovery by Americans of the marvelous communications potential of the Internet moved computers from the purely business realm into the home as a consumer product. Information technology is for real, even if it was oversold on stock markets during the dot-com rage.

Consumer confidence, as measured by a monthly University of Michigan survey, remains reasonably upbeat. Employment is high, despite prospects of some big corporate layoffs. All that has happened to the American economy so far has been a slowing of growth, not a recession. The Fed is trying to ensure adequate liquidity while at the same time tending to its fundamental job of trying to keep the dollar sound. And finally, stock markets are safer places for money than they were a year ago, which is no bad thing.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, March 22, 2001 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 27

- 9 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to review the Research, Extension and Education title of the Farm Bill. SR-328A
- 9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on military strategy and operational requirements; to be followed by closed hearings (in Room SH-219). SH-216
- Environment and Public Works
Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine water and wastewater infrastructure needs. SD-406
- Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine early education and care programs in the United States. SD-430
- Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine national energy policy with respect to impediments to development of domestic oil and natural gas resources. SD-106
- 10 a.m.
Appropriations
Interior Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine trust reform issues. SD-138
- Finance
To hold hearings to examine the affordability of long term care. SD-215
- 10:30 a.m.
Foreign Relations
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-419

- 11 a.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings on the nomination of William Howard Taft, IV, of Virginia, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State. SD-419
- 2 p.m.
Judiciary
Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine domestic response capabilities for terrorism involving weapons of mass destruction. SD-226

MARCH 28

- 9:30 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine health information for consumers. SD-430
- 10 a.m.
Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine certain Pacific issues. SD-192
- Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy's nonproliferation programs with Russia. SD-419

10:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on S. 210, to authorize the integration and consolidation of alcohol and substance abuse programs and services provided by Indian tribal governments; S. 214, to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health; and S. 535, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to clarify that Indian women with breast or cervical cancer who are eligible for health services provided under a medical care program of the Indian Health Service or of a tribal organization are included in the optional medicaid eligibility category of breast or cervical cancer patients added by the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act of 2000. SR-485

MARCH 29

- 9 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to review environmental trading opportunities for agriculture. SR-328A
- 10 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee
To hold oversight hearings to review the National Park Service's implementation of management policies and procedures to comply with the provisions of Titles I, II, III, V, VI, VII, and VIII of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998. SD-628
- 10:30 a.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings on the nomination of John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security. SD-419

- 2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee
To hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the Administration's National Fire Plan. SD-628

APRIL 3

- 10 a.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine online entertainment and related copyright law. SD-226

APRIL 4

- 9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
SeaPower Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on shipbuilding industrial base issues and initiatives. SR-222

APRIL 5

10 a.m.
 Appropriations
 Interior Subcommittee
 To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Energy.

SD-138

APRIL 24

10 a.m.
 Appropriations
 Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
 To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Bureau of Reclamation, of the Department of the Interior, and Army Corps of Engineers.

SD-124

Appropriations
 Interior Subcommittee
 To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-138

APRIL 25

10 a.m.
 Judiciary
 To hold hearings to examine the legal issues surrounding faith based solutions.

SD-226

Appropriations
 VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee
 To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Corporation for National and Community Service.

SD-138

APRIL 26

2 p.m.
 Appropriations
 Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
 To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

SD-124

MAY 1

10 a.m.
 Appropriations
 Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
 To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for certain Department of Energy programs relat-

ing to Energy Efficiency Renewable Energy, science, and nuclear issues.

SD-124

Judiciary
 To hold hearings to examine high technology patents, relating to business methods and the internet.

SD-226

Appropriations
 Interior Subcommittee
 To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

SD-138

MAY 2

10 a.m.
 Appropriations
 VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee
 To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

SD-138

MAY 3

2 p.m.
 Appropriations
 Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
 To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for Department of Energy environmental management and the Office of Civilian Radio Active Waste Management.

SD-124

MAY 8

10 a.m.
 Judiciary
 To hold hearings to examine high technology patents, relating to genetics and biotechnology.

SD-226

MAY 9

10 a.m.
 Appropriations
 VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee
 To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

SD-138

MAY 16

10 a.m.
 Appropriations
 VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee
 To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

SD-138

JUNE 6

10 a.m.
 Appropriations
 VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee
 To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the National Science Foundation and the Office of Science Technology Policy.

SD-138

JUNE 13

10 a.m.
 Appropriations
 VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee
 To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Environmental Protection Agency and the Council of Environmental Quality.

SD-138

JUNE 20

10 a.m.
 Appropriations
 VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee
 To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SD-138

POSTPONEMENTS

MARCH 27

10:30 a.m.
 Appropriations
 Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
 To hold oversight hearings on issues relating to Yucca Mountain.

SD-124

APRIL 3

10 a.m.
 Appropriations
 Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
 To hold oversight hearings to examine issues surrounding nuclear power.

SD-124